(b) if so, the stage at which the proposal is at present and the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision thereon is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The Disaster Management Act, 2005 inter-alia provides that the Government may constitute a National Disaster Response Fund and a National Disaster Mitigation Fund. The dates on which relevant provisions of the Act will come into force are yet to be notified by the Government.

Review of AFSPA

935. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Review Committee appointed by Government following widespread agitation in Manipur calling for withdrawal of the Armed Forces Special Power Act in force of North-Eastern region has given its report; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (S.REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Committee constituted by Ministry of Home Affairs to review the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 as amended in 1972 has submitted its report to Ministry of Home Affairs on 6.6.05. The recommendations of the Committee contained in its report are being examined and a decision in the matter is yet to be taken.

Nexus Between Naxal Extremists and LTTE/Maoists of Nepal

936. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the increasing nexus between extremists of India and the LTTE and Maoists of Nepal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to contain the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) There are no reports to indicate